## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 236**

## By Moody

A RESOLUTION to commemorate March 13, 2021, as National K9 Veterans Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, thousands of dogs have served with honor, dignity, and valor throughout the history of our country's birth and growth. These dogs have served in many jobs in all of our wars, having been employed by the United States Armed Forces from World War I to present conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the official K9 Corps of the United States Armed Forces was established on March 13, 1942; and

WHEREAS, to this day, dogs continue to serve with honor, dignity, and valor at our borders and abroad, on land and sea. Many residents of Tennessee actively participate in and engage in K9 training and operational activities to assist the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, in addition to our military working dogs, thousands of dogs are utilized daily to assist federal, state, and local agencies and programs, including Customs, U.S. Border Patrol, Secret Service, law enforcement, and search and rescue; and

WHEREAS, K9 dogs are loyal, loving, and devoted; they have often knowingly placed themselves in harm's way, making the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for their partners, and it is appropriate that we honor these dogs on this special occasion; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with our fellow citizens in commemorating March 13, 2021, as "National K9 Veterans Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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